

ABSTRACT

Leave-in hair cosmetic compositions for enhancing hair volume comprise fluid-encapsulated, flexible microspheres exhibiting a mean particle size of less than about 300 μ m in diameter, a water-soluble or water-swellaable polymer, and an aqueous carrier such that the combination of the polymer and the microspheres results in a solid continuous or semi-continuous film network. Methods for enhancing hair volume, and more particularly for enhancing hair volume, comprise applying leave-in aqueous cosmetic compositions which contain spherical, flexible, fluid-encapsulated particles of less than about 300 μ m in diameter, a water-soluble or water-swellaable polymer and an aqueous carrier. The compositions provide improved hair volume, body, bounce, fullness, springiness, and texture in addition to providing good hair conditioning and styling benefits.

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